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"Crete Through the Ages" — Special Symposium at SFSU

The Modern Greek Studies Foundation, the Nikos Kazantzakis Chair and the Hellenic American Professional Society of Northern California are sponsoring a conference on "Crete Through the Ages," including an exhibit on Crete, on **Sunday September 30, 1990**, at the DeBellis Collection, S.F. State University Library, 6th floor. The conference, designed for those interested in the history, culture, art and archaeology of Crete, will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the opening of the exhibit. Scheduled speakers are: **Dr. J.K. Anderson**, UC Berkeley; **Dr. Howard Goldfried**, Cal State University Sacramento; **Prof. Thanasis Maskaleris**, SFSU; and **Dr. Stylianos Spyridakis**, UC Davis. Following the presentations, a reception will be held at 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited and admission is free. For further information call the Center for Modern Greek Studies (SFSU) at (415) 338-1892.

Vryonis Center Inaugurated

On April 22, 1990, **The Speros Basil Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism** was inaugurated in Sacramento. The new Center "is dedicated to scholarly research on the historical and cultural experience of the Greek people from Homer to the present." The inauguration ceremony and banquet concluded a two-day symposium, "The Odyssey of Hellenism; from Homer to the End of the 20th Century," during which scholars of international reputation presented papers on various aspects of the Hellenic experience through the ages.

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Pictured at the inauguration ceremony, from left to right:
Dr. A.K. Simonidis, honorary Consul General of Cyprus;
Konstantinos Prevedourakis, chargé d'affaires at the Greek embassy, Washington, DC;
Dr. Speros Vryonis, Director, Onassis Center for Hellenic Studies, New York University;
Dr. Christos P. Ioannides, Director, Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism, Sacramento;
Mr. Angelo K. Tsakopoulos, trustee of the Vryonis Center;
the Hon. Constantin Yerocostopoulos, Greek Consul General in SF.

Vryonis Center, *cont'd.*

The Center for Modern Greek Studies at S.F. State University and the Modern Greek Studies Foundation salute the S.B. Vryonis Center, and congratulate its trustees and its director. We look forward to collaborative activities and programs in the area of common goals.

Logo of the Vryonis Center

Modern Greek Studies Courses at SFSU Fall 1990

GRE 250	**Modern Greek I** (1st semester) Instructor: Effie Kalafatis Class begins August 31	MWF 1-2 Hum. Bldg. 109
GRE 365	**Modern Greek III** Instructor: Effie Kalafatis Class begins September 10	M 3-6 Hum. Bldg. 341
WCL 815	**The Odysseys of Homer and Kazantzakis** Instructor: Thanasis Maskaleris Class begins September 5	W 3-6 Hum. Bldg. 341

Members of the community are welcome to enroll. For details, please call the Classics Department at (415) 338-2068 or Extended Education at (415) 338-1373.

On the occasion of the visit of Patriarch Dimitrios I to the Bay Area—

In Church

I love the church: its labara,
its silver vessels and candleholders,
the lights, the ikons, the pulpit.

When I go there, into a church of the
Greeks,
with its aroma of incense,
its liturgical chanting and harmony,
the majestic presence of the priests,
dazzling in their ornate vestments,
the solemn rhythm of their gestures—
my thoughts turn to the great glories of our
race,
to the splendor of our Byzantine heritage.

C.P. Kavafis
Translated by Edmund Keeley
and Philip Sherrard

ΣΤΗΝ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ

Την ἐκκλησίαν ἀγαπῶ — τὰ ἐξαπτέρυγά της,
τ' ἀσήμια τῶν σκευῶν, τὰ κηροπήγιά της,
τὰ φῶτα, τὲς εἰκόνες της, τὸν ἄμβωνά της.

Ἐκεῖ σὰν μπῶ, μὲς σ' ἐκκλησία τῶν Γραικῶν·
μὲ τῶν θυμιαμάτων της τὲς εὐωδίες,
μὲ τὲς λειτουργικὲς φωνὲς καὶ συμφωνίες,
τὲς μεγαλοπρεπεῖς τῶν ἱερέων παρουσίες
καὶ κάθε των κινήσεως τὸν σοβαρὸ ρυθμό —
λαμπρότατοι μὲς στῶν ἀμφίων τὸν στολισμό —
ὁ νοῦς μου πιαίνει σὲ τιμὲς μεγάλες τῆς φυλῆς μας,
στὸν ἔνδοξό μας Βυζαντινισμό.

Κωνστ. Π. Καβάφης.

HAPS 1990 AXION Award

This year's AXION award of the Hellenic American Professional Society was presented to **Mrs. Anastasia (Ann) Condas**, former president of HAPS and distinguished community leader. Congratulations—AXIA! Pictured at the awards ceremony, from left to right: **John Cambus**, HAPS President, **Patricia Aleck**, event chairperson, Anastasia Condas, and **Kleanthy Gonos**, educational consultant.....

Recent Contributors to the MGSF

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Harry Mark Petrakis . . .

. . .must again cancel his visit to the Kazantzakis Chair at S.F. State University, which had been scheduled for the spring of 1991. Instead, the Center for Modern Greek Studies is planning a series of public lectures by Mr. Petrakis in San Francisco and other California cities; he will deliver these talks under the auspices of the Kazantzakis Chair next spring. Details will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Petrakis' 8th novel, *Ghost of the Sun*, has just been published by St. Martins Press.

AXIOS Donates $30,000 to Kazantzakis Chair

From left to right: the Very Rev. Dr. Leonidas Contos of the Athenagoras Orthodox Institute; AXIOS President Peter B. Caloyeras; Cyprus Consul General Andreas Kyprianides; Christos P. Ioannides, Director, Vryonis Center; Prof. Demetrios Liappas, Director, Caloyeras Center, Loyola Marymount University.

At a dinner ceremony on the Loyola Marymount University campus last spring, AXIOS—Foundation for Worthiness, based in Los Angeles—presented its donation of $30,000 to the Kazantzakis Chair at S.F. State University.

Other recipients were the Basil P. Caloyeras Center for Modern Greek Studies at Loyola Marymount University, the Speros Basil Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism (Sacramento) and the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute (Berkeley).

The donations represent part of the proceeds from the highly successful "Man of the Year" event in 1989, which honored Angelo K. Tsakopoulos. It was the wish of Mr. Tsakopoulos that profits from the event be distributed among the above centers.

Prof. Thanasis Maskaleris represented the Center for Modern Greek Studies /Modern Greek Studies Foundation at the AXIOS ceremony, and expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Nikos Kazantzakis Chair for the substantial donation to the Chair Endowment.

Desperately Seeking Mac

The Center for Modern Greek Studies needs a used Macintosh (preferably a Mac Plus) to produce **Mandatophoros** *and other Center publications. Donations are tax-deductible. Please call (415) 338-1892 if you can help.*

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Since 1981 the **Modern Greek Studies Foundation** has been actively working to provide support for the academic and cultural programs of the **Center for Modern Greek Studies** by establishing an endowed **Chair in Modern Greek Literature, History and Culture** at San Francisco State University.

Great progress has been made. Courses are offered regularly in modern Greek language and literature; a course in modern Greek history is given periodically; lectures and cultural events are planned on a continuing basis. In 1983 the **Nikos Kazantzakis Chair** was inaugurated. During the spring semester of 1986, Greek American poet and translator **Kimon Friar** became the first distinguished visiting professor to the Chair, delivering a series of lectures and teaching courses on modern Greek poetry and on Kazantzakis. The distinguished Greek American writer **Harry Mark Petrakis** will give a series of special lectures in the spring of 1991 under the auspices of the Kazantzakis Chair.

The Modern Greek Studies program is already beginning to have a significant impact on our cultural life in Northern California. But we still have much to do. We have raised just under $300,000 of the $500,000 necessary to maintain the program at its optimum level. This is due largely to the generosity of one major donor, and the support of other private donors and Greek American organizations. Until we have raised the rest of the required endowment funds, however, the Center will not be able to fully develop its academic curriculum, sponsor other visiting scholars and artists, nor present cultural programs and activities on the University campus and in the community. Also, much remains to be done in collecting archive materials to record the history of Greek immigrants in California, and in developing a richer collection of library resources supporting instruction and research at the Center.

We are appealing to you because we believe you have an interest in Greek culture and are committed to fostering Hellenic traditions in our society. Your help is essential in realizing this goal of fully endowing the Chair in Modern Greek Studies as soon as possible. Your contribution is tax-deductible in accordance with present tax laws. Those interested in establishing special memorial or other scholarships are encouraged to contact the Foundation or the Center.

Sincerely,
Senator Nicholas C. Petris
President, Modern Greek Studies Foundation

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